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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM OPIC

1. PHILIP MCCALLUM OPIC DEPUTY VICE PRESIDENT FOR FINANCE, KENNETH MUELLER PRESIDENT OF THE AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL, INC. AND FORREST WALLACE WESTERN REGIONAL COORDINATOR OF THE COUNCIL ARRIVE TUNIS VIA TUNIS AIR 714 FROM CAIRO JULY 20. THEIR PURPOSE IS TO PURSUE GOT INVITATION TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM PER REFTEL.

2. THESE PARTICIPANTS PREPARED TO REMAIN IN TUNISIA AS LONG AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE. CONSEQUENTLY THEY HAVE OPEN RETURN TICKETS. IF NOT ALREADY MADE, PLEASE RESERVE THREE SINGLE ROOMS AND CABLE CONFIRMATION TO MCCALLUM CARE OF U.S. EMBASSY CAIRO. PLEASE ALSO INDICATE WHETHER IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO MEET PARTICIPANTS ON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT.

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3. NONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS IS SUFFICIENTLY FACILE IN FRENCH TO CARRY ON SUCCESSFUL DISCUSSIONS IN THAT LANGUAGE. CONSEQUENTLY THEY WILL NEED SUITABLE TRANSLATOR FOR THE VARIOUS SESSIONS WITH GOV OFFICIALS.
4. PARTICIPANTS WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON ARRIVAL AND WOULD LIKE TO VISIT WITH JACK HOOVER AND OPIC INVESTMENT OFFICER BRIAN TREADWELL. KISSINGER

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